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## India Trip Report

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My husband, Bruce used to tell me that one billion of the world's population are suffering from famine. As a food scientist and food safety inspector, he had the opportunity to travel across several continents. Bruce worked in 50 countries. As I sit here in India remembering him, I have also thought, because of the kindness of you, our sponsors, and your generous donations that in close to 50 years we have rescued thousands of HOINA children. They came from Native American reservations; tribal villages in Mexico; and mainly the handicapped, orphaned, and abused children we have given a home to in India. I have so many memories of you and of our children and the many answers to our prayers. I wish you all could see how lovely HOINA is.

On my most recent trips to India, word "got around" that I had arrived. A good number of our graduates whom we call HOINA Tigers called me, visited me, telephoned me, and emailed me. They brought me up to date on where they are now and what they are doing. They



The children were provided with new bath towels on this trip. They were thrilled with the colorful choices.

thanked me and said they are praying for HOINA and all of us as well as America and its wonderful, generous donors.

Thankfully, I was able to accomplish much in the short time I was overseas on this trip, just about seven weeks, rather than my usual three months. While in India, I had an idea. We have 24 acres, and we are surrounded by high cement walls as many properties there are. Since I am a retired art teacher and I know that our students are not offered art classes in school, I decided the

children needed art to develop the right side of their brains. Besides, looking at high whitewashed walls is boring. We broke up into teams of two and three. The children drew their ideas on the walls with pieces of charcoal, and then the children began painting their wall space. We have a few murals left to do, but about three-fourths of them are finished as you can see in the photos this month. The 12- to 21-year-olds did this work. We then invited 40 teachers from their schools to come

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for tea and be the judges. We gave awards to both the first place boys' team and the first place girls' team. (See photos for details.)

Many teachers said it was a difficult task for them as so many were excellent. Since some of the murals weren't finished in time for the judging, those students will complete their projects once the summer holidays arrive in May. Our children will spend March finishing their school year as they prepare for April's annual exams. The break in May will be welcome just as summer vacation is here in the U.S.

In January and February, I was able to check a number of items off the to-do list. One thing I did was to buy more library books because our boys, especially, love reading. They read in English; in Telegu, the language of our state of Andhra Pradesh; and in Hindi, the national language of India. This winter we have bought new playground equipment, new clothing, and new towels for the children with donations and gifts from our sponsors. We also purchased chairs for outside on our porches and gazebos and stools for the tailoring section of HOINA's Nesbitt-Ranji Vocational School. On Valentine's Day we had a cake and ice cream party, which you may have read about last month. We also did new photo books with histories of our boys and girls. It has been a busy time for all of us.

For those who would like to visit us, please check with our offices (in the U.S. or in India) so that we can



The winning mural from our boys' competition with the artists who painted it (left to right): Kamesh, Ghandhi, and Santhosh.



(Left to right) Sravanthi, Neelima, and Gayathri pictured with the winner of the girls' mural contest.



Our older boys worked on many of the silhouette murals around the campus.

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schedule you for our guest house. We are making a new DVD to share, and the head cameraman told me that he has been all over India but had never filmed more beautiful homes than ours. The police commissioner in the city next to us said we are the safest place in our whole district for orphaned children. These compliments warm our hearts and confirm that the Lord is doing a good work in this place.

One specific prayer request we have is for one of our graduates, Prasad, who joined the Indian Air Force commandos in January and is in training now. We have many who serve in the army and police, and each of our boys seem to love their jobs. Please pray God's protection over them. The recent skirmish between India and Pakistan was a reminder of how tenuous peace is in this world. I was trying to leave India just as it was happening and am grateful it didn't escalate further and that I am once again home safely.



Putting in the most hours of any of the painters, Peter produced this stunning rendition of RMS Titanic.



Our younger students had fun displaying their talents as well, even if they were not grand prize winners.

Thank you and may God bless you.

*Darlene*



Work continued for 10 days all around our 24 acres to brighten up our campus with expressions of creativity.

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## A Sharp Mind Looks to a Bright Future

Another semi-orphan in need of sponsorship catches our eye this month. Teja B. is the son and second child of Mr. Srinu B. and Mrs. Acchiyyamma B., who were married in June of 2006. After a few years, Mr. Srinu, who was an alcoholic, was diagnosed with Jaundice. Due to his alcoholism and Jaundice, his lungs and kidneys failed, and he died. As a widow Mrs. Acchiyyamma worked as a daily-wage laborer to feed her children. With what she earned, she was not able to provide good food and education to her two children. She has had no family support from her relatives. She heard about HOINA and approached us for admission for her younger child while she kept her older daughter to help her at home.

Teja is a sunny little eight-year-old, born on September 22, 2010. He likes the color blue and hopes to be a policeman. Your monthly gifts of \$35 can send him on his way by providing him food, clothing, a home, medical care, and all of his school fees for tuition, books, and uniforms at our local school. Please complete the coupon above, and send it to our office in Pennsylvania with your first monthly gift.

